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For: METHOD AND DEVICES FOR RUNNING REACTIONS ON A TARGET  
PLATE FOR MALDI MASS SPECTROMETRY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The undersigned asserts that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

AUTHORIZATION

No fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this submission, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Respectfully submitted,

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